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Educational Programs

Houston

- February 15, 2017
(Annual business meeting)

Dallas/Fort worth

- January 19, 2017

San Antonio

- January 10, 2017

El Paso

- TBD

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President's Corner

Michael Sirimatuross, PharmD, BCNSP, BCCCP

As another year comes to a close, I reflect on all of the successes we have had as a chapter this year. The chapter leadership and committees focused their efforts on the following themes for 2016: Strengthen, Engage/Re-Engage, Innovate and Streamline. We have strengthened our chapter by increasing our membership numbers to **over 530 members across the state of Texas**. Our committees are the strongest they have ever been with members actively engaged in all seven committees and all committees having active and engaged committee chairs. We continue to engage members at all of our chapter meetings in each major region across Texas as well as at our annual symposium. Our symposium, held in Houston this past year, **had record turnout with close to 150 in attendance** many of which were new members to the chapter. We continue to provide innovative programming at our annual symposium as well as at our chapter meetings. Our chapter meetings added additional monthly programming in the San Antonio region and the Houston region broadened the topics to be more inclusive of our pediatric members. We also continue working on ways to streamline our processes and delegate duties out across our membership in order to setup up our future chapter leaders for success in the coming years.

We recently held successful elections this past month and welcome new members to our Executive Committee and Board of Directors in 2017. Please refer to page 7 of the newsletter for full election results. We also recognized 4 individuals as our Alan I. Fields Award winners, listed on page 5 of the newsletter, who each will be recognized at our annual business meeting in February 2017 in Houston and who also will receive reimbursement of up to \$1000 to attend SCCM Congress in Hawaii in January.

Speaking of **Hawaii**, for those of you attending SCCM Congress, please be sure to attend the **Texas Chapter Reception on Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 7-9 PM at the Ala Moana Hotel, Plumeria room**. Lite snacks and a cash bar will be available and everyone will receive at least one free drink ticket.

Finally, as this will be my last update as the President of the SCCM Texas Chapter, I want to thank a few individuals and groups who have helped me tremendously throughout the year. Thank you to the **Board of Directors** for your support and commitment to making the chapter a success. I want to thank all of the Committee Chairs including **Anne Rain Tanner** (Programs), **Brian Burleson** (Communications), **Jennifer Gass** (Symposium), **Joshua Swan** (Research), **Lisa Bell** (Awards), **Maggie Ma** (Membership), and **Michael Bocci** (Nominations) for all of their hard work and dedication to engaging our members and providing benefits across the state of Texas. Last but not least, I want to thank **Matt Wanat**, **Mary Lou Warren**, and **Sharla Tajchman** from our Executive Committee for being great colleagues and friends over this past year. Your hard work made my job easy and enjoyable and I cannot express how grateful I am to you all for collaborating with me this past year. It is because of the commitment of all these individuals listed above (and others) that allows the Texas Chapter to be a success!

Happy holidays and we hope to see you at many Texas Chapter functions in 2017!

Michael Sirimatuross, PharmD, BCNSP, BCCCP
President, SCCM Texas Chapter



Membership Committee Update

Maggie Ma, PharmD, BCPS

To wrap up 2016, the membership committee is proud to announce that over the last few months, **our membership has grown to its all-time high of approximately 530 members!** The graph below shows the membership growth over the last year.



We would also like to acknowledge several of our outstanding members who have referred enough members to receive a free membership: **Dr. Omar Enriquez, Andro Herrera-Mendoza, and Christiane Perme.** Our chapter is only able to grow through the dedication and recruitment efforts of our members, so keep up the good work!

As a reminder, our referral program will resume on January 1st, 2017. Each member who refers 3 new members to the chapter will receive a free 1-year membership (for members who are not national SCCM members, you must refer 4 new members for a free 1-year membership). If you're not currently a national SCCM member, it is easy to join. Visit www.sccm.org to sign up. To refer a new member, please have them fill out an application form on our website at www.sccmtexaschapter.org under the "Membership" tab. This will directly link them to PayPal where they can pay for their dues. Alternatively, new members can sign up for both national and Texas membership through the national SCCM website. In this case, please have the member email the membership chair at membership@sccmtexaschapter.org for notification of the referral.





Programs Committee Update

Anne Rain Tanner, PharmD, BCPS

The chapter wrapped up the last quarter of the year with many noteworthy chapter meetings across the state! In October, our Dallas members welcomed Dr. Dan Schuller who provided clinical insights into the management of COPD and in November, Clark Lyda discussed "Clinical Considerations in Neuromuscular Blocker Management". Dr. Charles Sims reviewed once daily antimicrobial options for complicated skin and soft tissue infections and pneumonia. Lastly in Houston, we had a wonderful talk by Dr. Ikram Haque discussing "Management Strategies in Pediatric Acute Brain Injury" and Dr. Amit Verma round out the year with a discussion on the management of seizures in the critically ill population. We hope all of our members have been able to enjoy these talks on such a wide range of topics!

Be sure to check out our website and your email to reserve your spot at an upcoming chapter meeting! We will be updating information on the website as new educational meetings are planned! As a continued reminder, please ensure that you RSVP for meetings and cancel your reservation if you are unable to attend. This ensures that our sponsors have a good estimate of the expected turnout and continue to provide support for our chapter.

We would like to recognize all the committee members who contributed to a successful year for the Program Committee in 2016. With the help of Amaris Fuentes, Jennifer Roth, Sue Smith, Patrick Cullinan, Andro Herrera-Mendoza, and Susan McLean, **the Programs Committee organized 33 chapter meetings (up from 22 meetings in 2015)** in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso, as well as the Member Reception at the 45th SCCM Critical Care Congress in Orlando, Florida.

If you're attending the Annual Congress in Honolulu, Hawaii this year, make sure to join us for the **Texas Chapter Business Meeting and Cocktail Reception at the Ala Moana Hotel, Plumeria Room on Sunday, January 22nd from 7 – 9 PM.**

The Program Committee welcomes any members interested in planning future chapter meetings and events! If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Program Committee, please contact Anne Rain Tanner, PharmD, at programs@sccmtexaschapter.org.





Communications Committee Update

Brian Burleson, PharmD, BCPS

The Communications Committee is responsible for the dissemination of information between our chapter and its members, and this is primarily done electronically via our chapter website (www.sccmtexaschapter.org), email communication and social media with our Facebook account...and now Twitter ([@SCCMTXChapter](https://twitter.com/SCCMTXChapter))! That's right – we are now using Twitter for our communications as well. We are developing it as another tool to advertise most of the items we currently email about. **If you are on Twitter, be sure to follow us!**

We value our volunteers that help keep the SCCM Texas Chapter communications running smoothly: Brandon Sterling, MS, APRN, AGACNP-BC, CCRN (Website Coordinator), Don Foronda, RN (Social Media Coordinator), Lan Bui, PharmD, BCPS (Newsletter Coordinator), Elizabeth Dozier, BSN, RN (Houston Area Coordinator), Leanne Current, PharmD, BCPS (Dallas/Fort Worth Area Coordinator) and Molly Curran, PharmD (San Antonio Area Coordinator). The Area Coordinators are responsible for all communications and reservation tracking for the monthly Chapter meetings. **If you have interest in volunteering your time to the Communications Committee please send us an email (communications@sccmtexaschapter.org).** We are currently looking for an Area Coordinator in El Paso.

If you have any questions or comments about the SCCM Texas Chapter Communications Committee please email us at communications@sccmtexaschapter.org. Look for emails (texaschapter.sccm@gmail.com), website (www.sccmtexaschapter.org), Facebook or Twitter ([@SCCMTXChapter](https://twitter.com/SCCMTXChapter)) for meeting announcements or general organizational communications.

Symposium Committee Update

Jennifer Gass, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCCCP

The symposium committee is hard at work preparing for our 6th Annual Symposium to be held in the fall of 2017. **We will be announcing a theme, location and date in the upcoming months.**

If you have questions or are interested in joining the symposium committee, please contact the Symposium Committee Chair, Jennifer Gass, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCCCP (symposium@sccmtexaschapter.org).



Research Committee Update

Joshua Swan, PharmD, MPH, BCPS

Alan I Fields Award

The Research Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the 2017 SCCM Texas Chapter Alan I. Fields Awards! **The chapter is extremely pleased to increase the number of awards from a total of two awards to a total of four awards for the 2017 year.** Each award winner will receive up to \$1,000 in reimbursement toward travel expenses to present their research at the 46th Critical Care Congress in Honolulu, Hawaii. Please congratulate our four award winners!

Critical care trainee or practitioner with < 2 years of experience

- **Amanda Holyk, PharmD**, PGY2 Critical Care Medicine Pharmacy Resident at Houston Methodist Hospital, for the abstract titled "*Evaluating outcomes of poractant alfa (Curosurf) vs. calfactant (Infasurf) in neonates*" (Abstract #1065) that will be presented at Research Snapshot Theater 10 on Monday, January 23, from 7:30am-9:00am
- **Elizabeth Franco, PharmD**, PGY2 Critical Care Medicine Pharmacy Resident at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center for the abstract titled "*Duration of mechanical ventilation with non-benzodiazepine vs. benzodiazepine-based sedation*" (Abstract #0989) that will be presented at Research Snapshot Theater 11 on Monday, January 23, from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Practitioner with 2 or more years of experience

- **Teresa A. Allison, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP**, Clinical Pharmacist Specialist in Neuro Critical Care at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center for the abstract titled "*Low dose 4-factor prothrombin complex concentrate in reversal of Xa inhibitors in a neuro ICU*" (Abstract #0797) that will be presented at Research Snapshot Theater 7 on Tuesday, January 24, from 9:15am-10:15am
- **Utpal Bhalala, MD, FAAP**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Critical Care Medicine at The Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, for the abstract titled "*Defibrillation skills of pediatric acute care providers: are they faster with paddles or pads?*" (Abstract #0350) that will be presented at Research Snapshot Theater 2 on Tuesday, January 24, from 12:30pm-1:30pm





Research Committee Update (cont)

Joshua Swan, PharmD, MPH, BCPS

Fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM) Applications

FCCM is a scholarship designation to a SCCM member who consistently develop programs to improve critical care. **Applications are due by March 15, 2017.**

General summary of qualifications:

- At least 2 years of SCCM membership
- A minimum of 5-7 years of critical care activity after completion of training
- At least 50% of time in critical care practice, research, administration, or teaching
- Demonstrate a collaborative model of critical care
- Significant contributions in the perception, delivery, or management of critically ill patients
- Be sponsored by a current ACCM fellow
- Visit SCCM website for details (<http://www.sccm.org/Professional-Development/ACCM/Pages/Apply-for-FCCM.aspx>)

The Research Committee can help with the FCCM application process and packet review. Please email research@sccmtexaschapter.org if you would like help.

Awards Committee Update

Lisa Beil, MSN, RN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNS-BC

Thank you for submitting your nominations for the Annual Awards of 2016! The nomination has been closed and the Awards Committee is undergoing active review of the nominees for the Outstanding Member and Excellence in Service Awards via a multidisciplinary review board. **Final nominees will be selected by January 9, 2017 and award winners will be announced the Chapter meeting in February.**

If you have questions, please contact the Award Committee Chair, Lisa Beil (awards@sccmtexaschapter.org).



Nominations Committee Update

Michael Bocci, BS, RRT, RCP

We are happy to announce the results of the SCCM Texas Chapter elections for 2017. The following individuals were elected based on the ballot returns:

- **President-Elect**

Mary Lou Warren, DNP, RN, CNS-CC, FCCM
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston

- **Secretary**

Darrell E.R. Alley, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCP
Houston Methodist Sugar Land
Sugar Land

- **Board of Directors – Physician Representative**

Utpal Bhalala, MD, FAAP
The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, Baylor College of Medicine
San Antonio

- **Board of Directors – At-Large Representative**

Daniel Arellano, MSN, RN, CCRN, ACNP-BC
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston

- **Board of Directors – At-Large Representative**

Rebeca 'Becky' Halfon, PharmD
Houston Methodist Hospital
Houston

Congratulations to all of our newly elected Executive Committee members and Board of Directors! Also, thank you to all of those who ran for a position and for those that voted during this election cycle.

The Nominations Committee is comprised Bridgett Sterling , Dr. Rebecca L. Attridge, Olga Rodriguez and Michael Bocci. Please contact us at nominations@sccmtexaschapter.org for any questions.



46th Critical Care Congress
January 21-25, 2017
Hawaii Convention Center
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA



Texas Chapter Business Meeting & Cocktail Reception
January 22, 2017 7– 9 PM
Ala Moana Hotel, Plumeria Room
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

